

Invitation to the
Statistical Capacity Building Workshop

**Measuring Progress:
Statistics for MDG
Indicators –
Poverty Analysis**

E-Learning and Workshop

05 October – 13 November 2009

05 Oct – 06 Nov E-Learning on the InWEnt Global Campus

09 – 13 November Joint Classroom workshop in Abuja / Nigeria

In co-operation with



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Project Description

What are we talking about?

“In many countries [there still exists] a lack of adequate data to (i) assess national trends in the context of monitoring progress towards the realization of all the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and (ii) inform and monitor the implementation of national development policies and strategies ...”

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A major challenge

In the Millennium Declaration of 2000, UN member nations asserted their commitment to such core values as freedom, equality and solidarity and to such duties as promoting peace and reducing poverty worldwide. Derived from the Declaration in 2001, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set quantifiable targets for measuring progress within the Declaration's framework.

The selection of the MDGs was driven by the need for internationally agreed targets and indicators for which there were reasonably good data. The MDGs reflect a multi-dimensional approach, measuring the economic and social situation with income and various indicators of health, education, gender equality and environmental sustainability.

Progress toward the MDGs is measured and reported at the national, regional and international level. Regular monitoring and reporting challenges national and international partners to demonstrate that their initiatives produce concrete results, enhancing transparency and accountability.

The global MDG targets and indicators need to be adapted to reflect national development priorities established in a process requiring a broad-based and inclusive debate about “national realities”.

Difficulties linked to measurement

The use of reliable, high quality data is crucial for establishing a credible MDG indicator. The data used in MDG reports should be the best available from official sources and should be chosen to reflect nationally agreed targets and should furthermore be used to highlight disparities across gender, ethnicity, geographical location, age or other dimensions of inequality.

However, producing reliable, high quality data continues to be a problem in many countries. A review of the quality of survey information used in a sample of MDG reports shows that most statistics must be categorized 'fair'. Data measuring the economic situation of the population and gender equality require substantial improvement.

Poverty is a cross-cutting issues with close linkages to all MDGs and a focus on this issue will substantially improve the statistical information in general.

Quality and reliability of data sources can be improved. Good quality statistics derived from sources such as household surveys, population censuses, academic research and administrative data are of special importance. This blended learning course uses new forms of the information technology to carry out the four -weeks course. Global Campus 21 is the virtual platform of InWEnt which offers practice orientated education and professional exchange of ideas on an international level to experts from all over the world. This four-weeks web-based training will be organized on the basis of a documentation made available on a CD Rom, online conferences, online discussion forums, tests, readings and case studies. The course is offered as a so-called blended-training that means a combination of individual computer instruction and one joint classroom training. For this purpose a joint workshop of about five working days will be organized from November 09 - 13 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Target Group

The InWEnt Centre for Economic, Environmental and Social Statistics is an institution devoted to international human resource development, dialogue and advanced training. The workshop is designed for statisticians, researchers, producers and users of statistical information **related to poverty** who are engaged in or are expected to be involved in producing MDG-related statistics

and indicators and in providing statistical and/or analytical support to national reporting of MDG targets and indicators.

Participants should have basic proficiency in information technology and data analysis. The total number of attendees should not exceed 20 persons. The participants will come from Sub-Saharan Africa.

Topics to be treated

The course will follow a logical frame that aims at covering key aspects linked to measuring MDGs, with the following topics to be addressed successively and will also take into account the building of statistical capacities.

Topics:

- The Millennium Declaration as a development framework
- MDGs, PRSPs and National Development Plans

- MDGs: Goals and Targets, Indicators and Data
- MDGs and Poverty Analysis
- Definitions, Concepts and Analysis of Poverty
- Specialized Techniques for Data Generation for MDG Indicators
- Data Management and Analysis of Statistics for National MDG Reports

General Objectives

Statistics are crucial – in particular within this highly sensitive field – by providing relevant and sound information for decision makers and policy formulation as well as for the monitoring of their implementation and the tracking of progress.

As a result of the training course, participants of the course are expected to:

- Have a better understanding of the MDGs, issues and relationships and linkages to international development goals, human development and to their own country development plans and strategies;
- Have an increased understanding of the concepts, issues and measurement

difficulties related to data and indicators for monitoring MDG goals and targets at global, regional and national levels;

- Improve their ability to generate MDG indicators at national and sub-national levels, by sex and other relevant analysis subgroups within the required timeliness and frequency and international comparability from existing data collection systems and databases;
- Enhance skills in poverty analysis for MDG indicators and beyond

Important Information

Duration	05 October – 13 November 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 05 Oct – 06 Nov E-Learning on the InWEnt Global Campus• 09 – 13 November Joint Classroom workshop in Abuja / Nigeria
Venue	The presence phase of the workshop (02 – 06 November) will be carried out in Nigeria in cooperation with National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) Nigeria.
Language	The course will be conducted in English. Therefore, participants must have a good command of the English language, both oral and in writing.
Requirements	For the four-weeks e-learning phase participants need to spend about 7 hours per week for studies, 1.5 hours for weekly participation in internet conferences. Regular and good-working access to the internet is requested.
Costs & Funding	The programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). There are no fees requested for the training course. The organisers will support participants from developing countries by covering the costs for full board and lodging according to the German regulations. The organisers will not cover any travel costs or travel related costs (e.g. visa, airport fees, etc.) to attend the training course.
Procedure	In order to receive the application form, please contact Bjoern Kalscheuer. The completed official form must be returned not later than 29 September 2009 .
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Our capacity building programmes are directed at experts and executives from politics, administration, the business community, and civil society. We are commissioned by the German federal government to assist with the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations.

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